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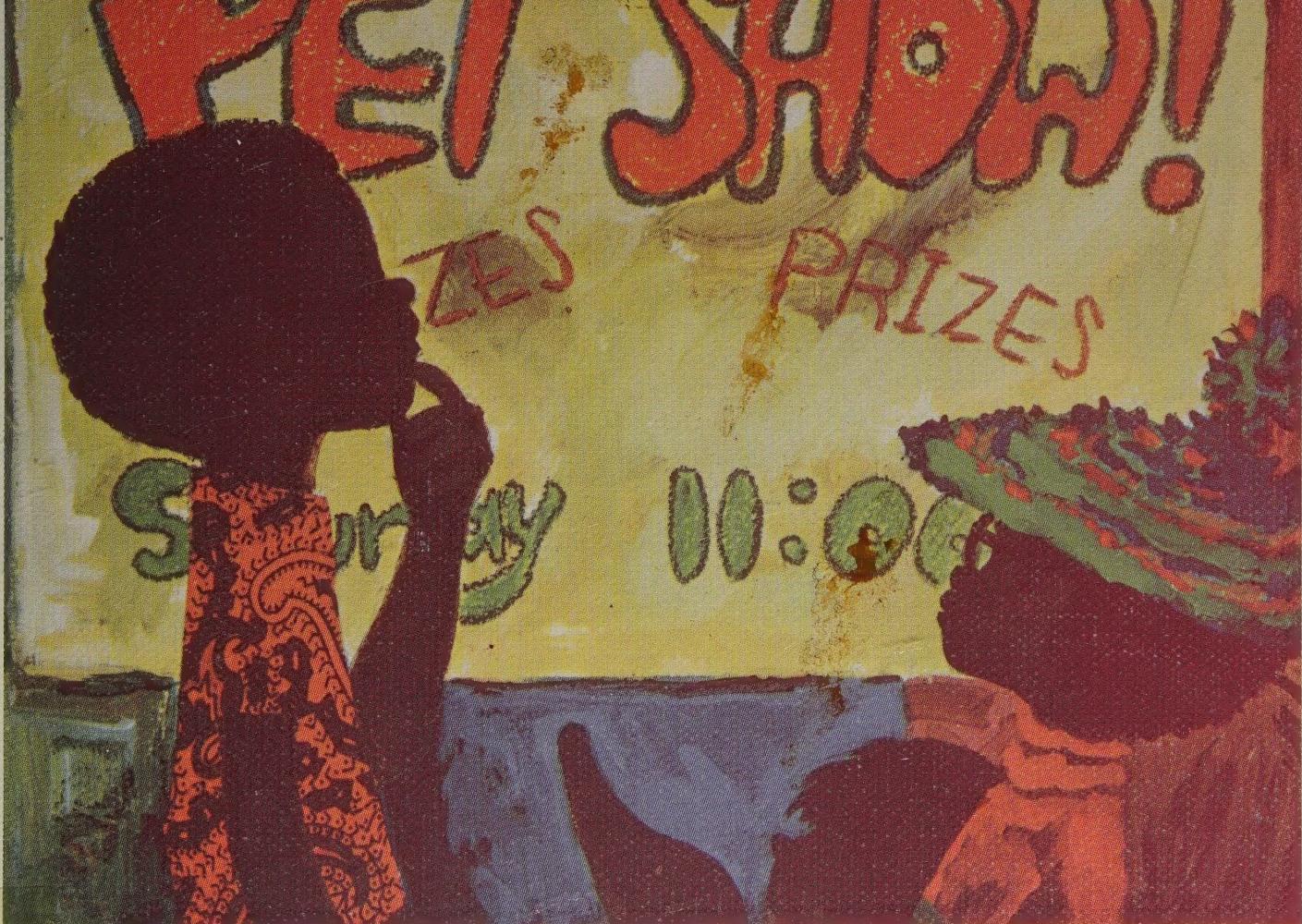
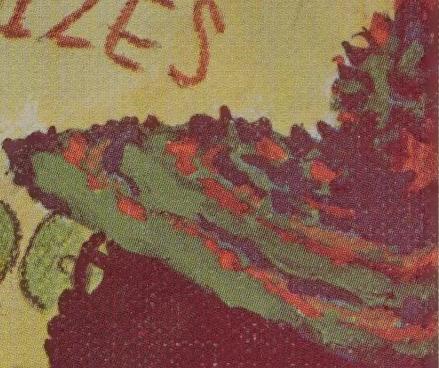
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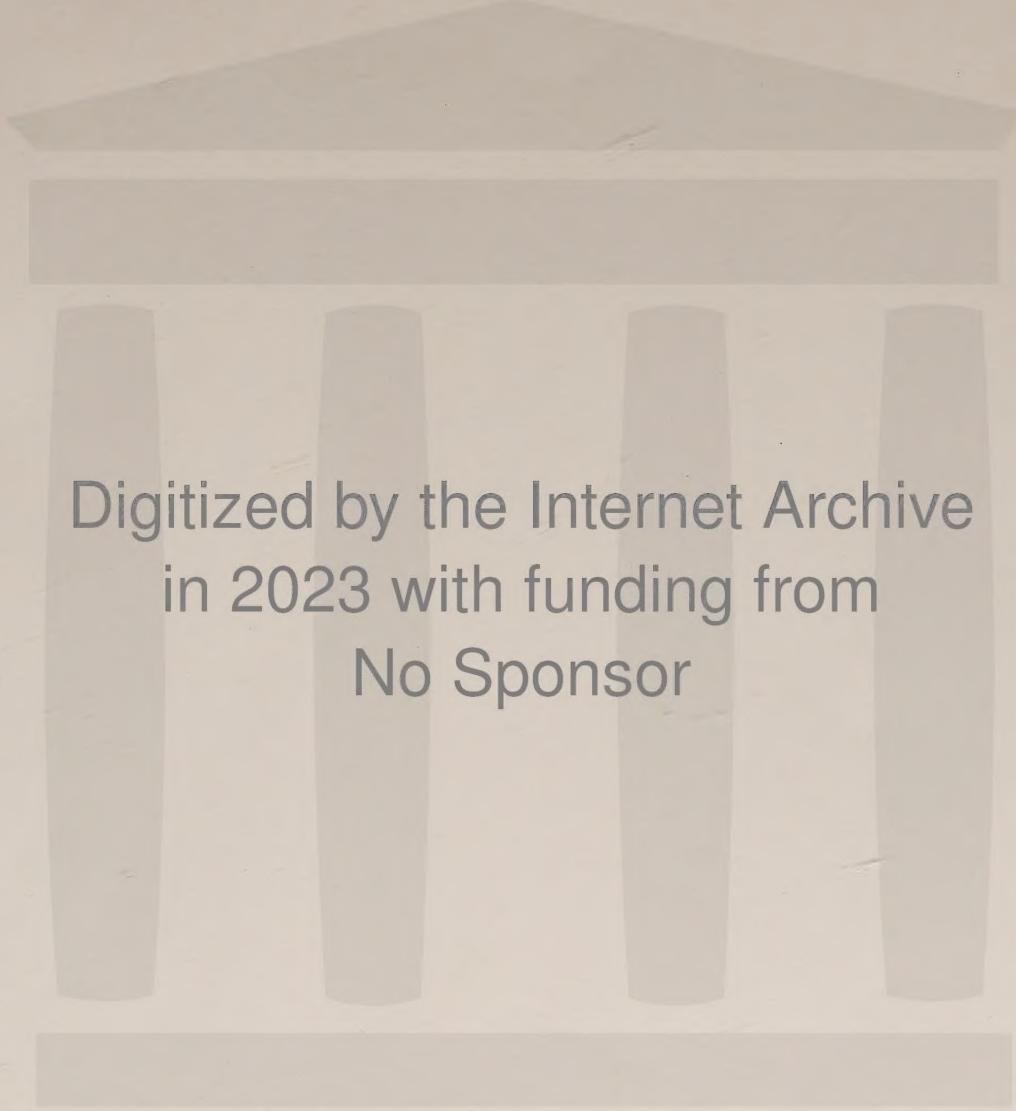
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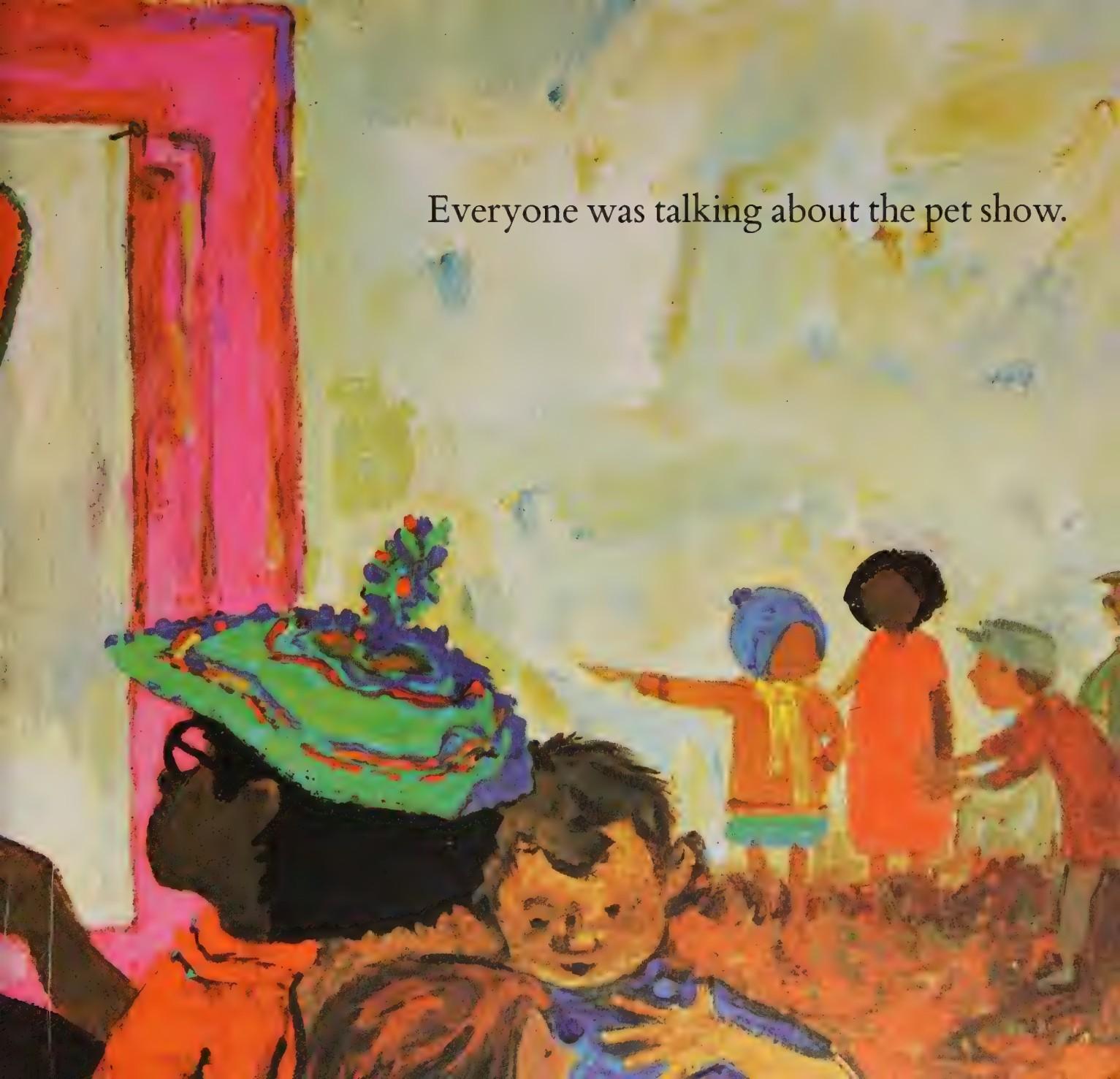
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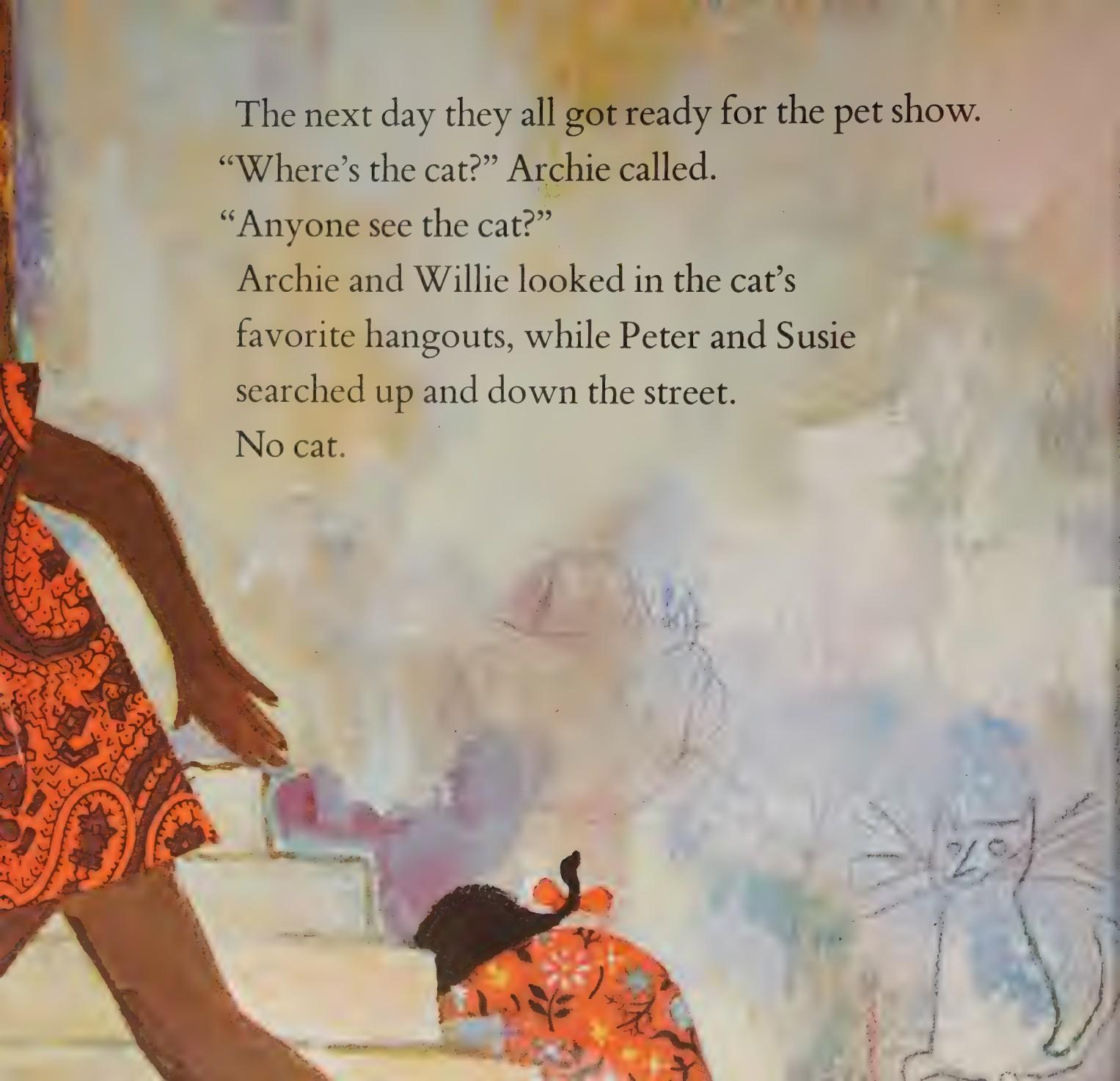
A vibrant, painterly illustration depicting a lively outdoor event. In the foreground, a young boy with dark hair and a joyful expression looks directly at the viewer. He is wearing a bright orange shirt. To his right, another child is seen from behind, wearing a red shirt and a green cap. In the background, several adults are gathered; one man in a blue shirt and a woman in an orange dress are prominent. A large, multi-tiered cake with green frosting and colorful decorations sits on a table to the left. A pink door frame is visible on the far left. The sky is filled with soft, pastel-colored clouds.

Everyone was talking about the pet show.



The kids told each other
about the pets they would bring.
Matt said he would bring ants!
“I’m gonna bring my mouse!” bragged Roberto.
“What are you gonna bring, Archie—the cat?”
“Uh-huh,” said Archie.





The next day they all got ready for the pet show.
“Where’s the cat?” Archie called.

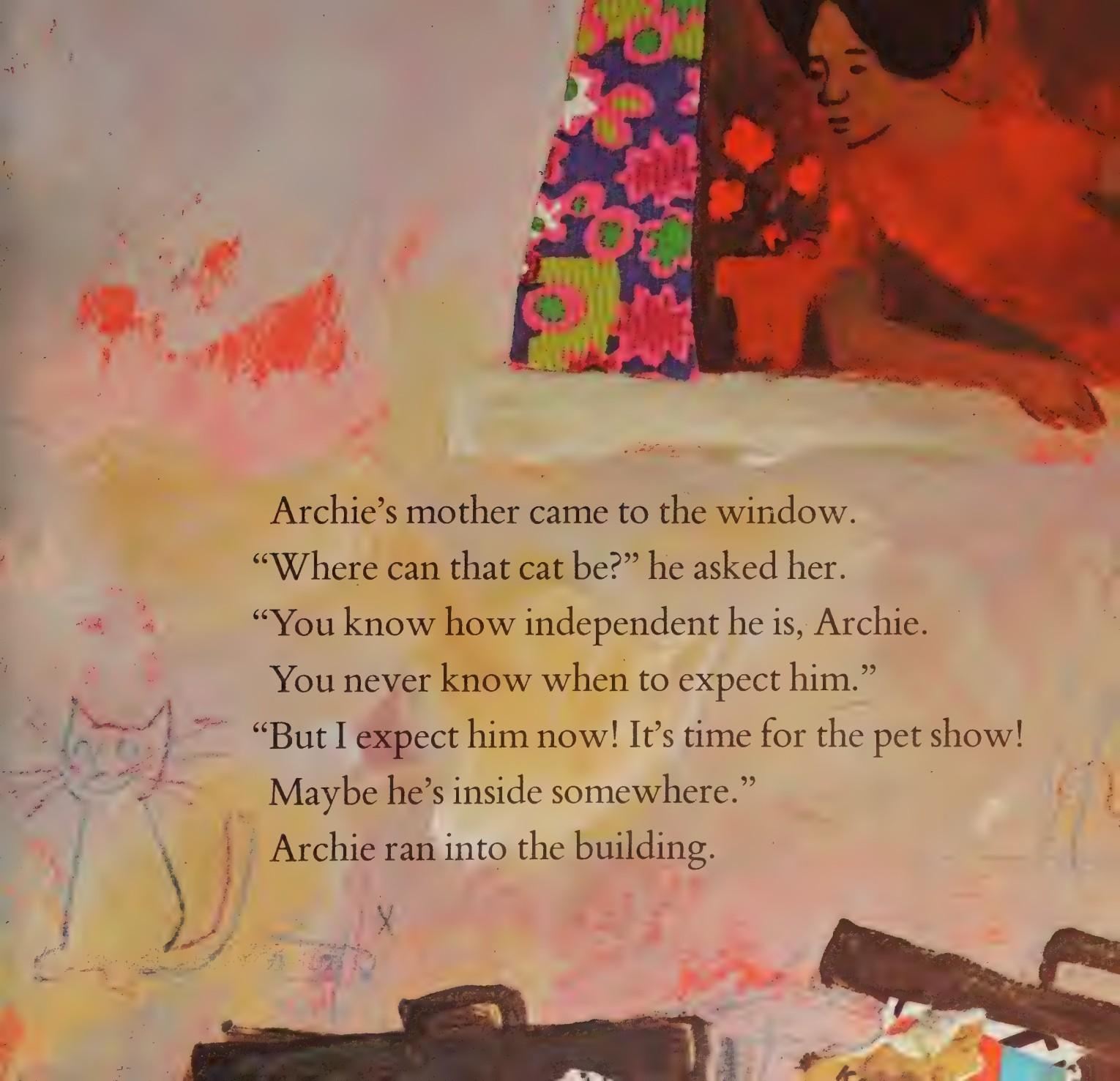
“Anyone see the cat?”

Archie and Willie looked in the cat’s
favorite hangouts, while Peter and Susie
searched up and down the street.

No cat.

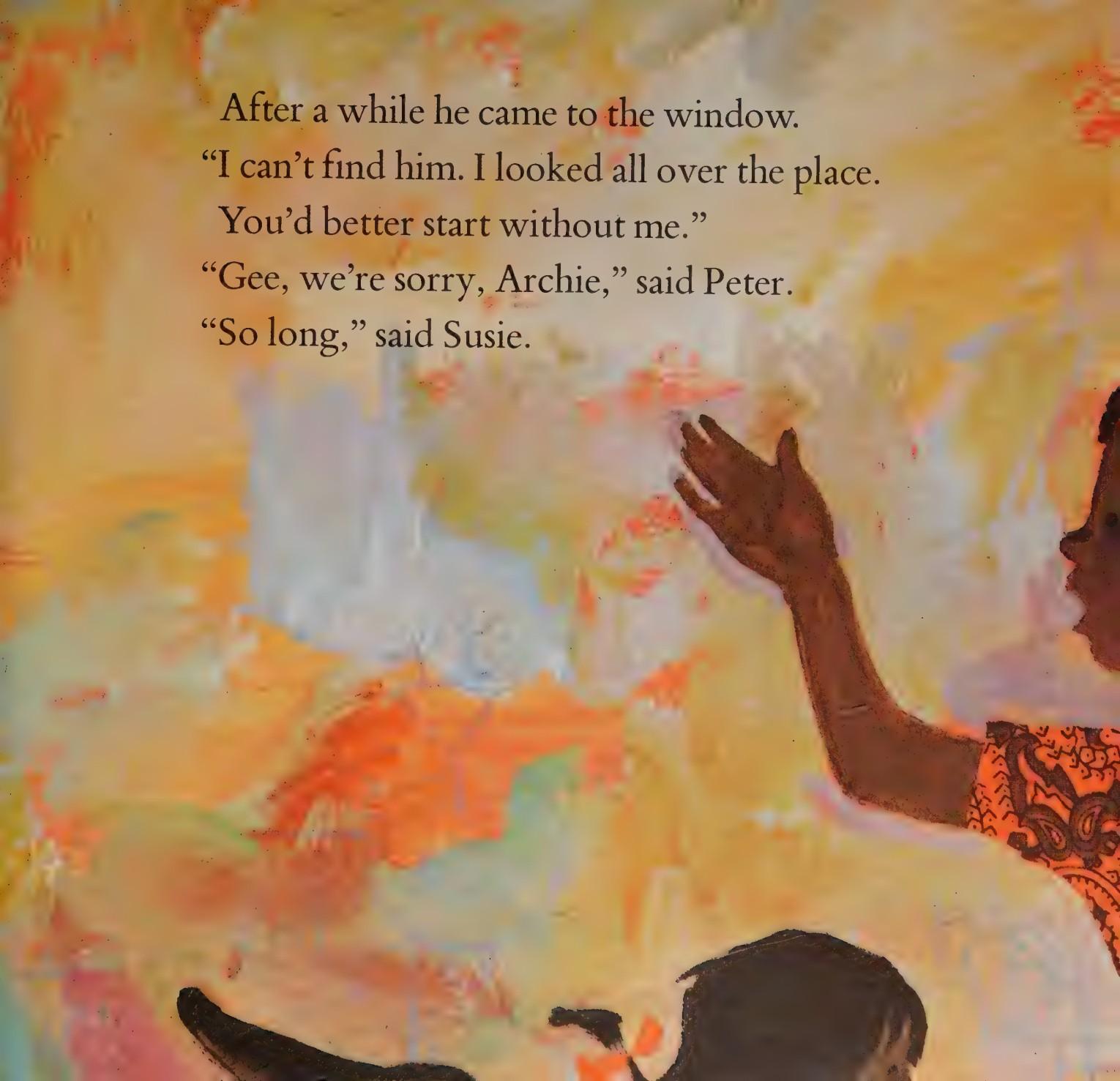




An illustration of a woman with dark hair, wearing a vibrant, patterned dress with large pink flowers and green leaves, looking out from a window. She is looking towards the right side of the frame. The background outside the window is a soft-focus view of a garden with red flowers and green foliage.

Archie's mother came to the window.
“Where can that cat be?” he asked her.
“You know how independent he is, Archie.
You never know when to expect him.”
“But I expect him now! It's time for the pet show!
Maybe he's inside somewhere.”
Archie ran into the building.





After a while he came to the window.
“I can’t find him. I looked all over the place.
You’d better start without me.”
“Gee, we’re sorry, Archie,” said Peter.
“So long,” said Susie.



They got to the entrance.
A lot of people were already there.
Just then Roberto's mouse took off.



Willie chased the mouse.
Roberto chased Willie.
Peter chased Roberto.
Susie chased Peter—
and the show started.

"Line up with your pets, please!"
the judges called.

They walked up and down, looking carefully
at every pet, and asking, "How old is your pet?"
and "What's your pet's name?"





Everyone got a prize for something.
There was the noisiest parrot,
the handsomest frog, the friendliest fishes,
the yellowest canary, the busiest ants,



the brightest goldfish, the longest dog,
the fastest mouse, the softest puppy,
the slowest turtle—
and many more!





A painting depicting a group of spectators watching a horse race at sunset. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light. In the foreground, several silhouetted figures of men and children are watching from behind a stone wall. In the background, a horse and jockey are racing towards the viewer. A wooden fence stands in the distance under a sky filled with soft, pastel-colored clouds.

As the last prize was awarded,
someone shouted,
“Look—here comes Archie!”



"Hello. You're just in time!" a judge said.

"What's in that bag?"

"My pet."

"May I see it, please?"

At that moment the cat showed up.



The other judge called out, “A blue ribbon to the nice lady for the cat with the longest whiskers!”



Before anyone could say anything, he pinned
a blue ribbon on the old woman and came back to Archie.



“What kind of a pet have you got in that jar?”

“A germ!” answered Archie.

“Mmmm—and what’s your germ’s name?”

Archie thought for a moment.

“Al,” he said.







The judges whispered to each other.







"A blue ribbon for Al, the quietest pet
in the show!" the judges announced.



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As everyone was leaving,
the old woman came over to Archie.

"He's really your cat, isn't he?" she said.

"You should have the ribbon."

"It's OK," Archie said. "You keep it."

And he ran to join his friends.





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They passed the old woman on their way home.
“Thank you for the ribbon,” she called.
Archie smiled.
“It looks good on you. See you around.”
“See you around,” she said.





the people
in the room are very nice



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